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In re Patent Application of

Ashby, et al.

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For: EASY CUTTER

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

Accompanying this Disclosure Statement are duplicate copies of form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to consider the listed items and to return an initialed copy of the form to the Applicant. To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, copies of the listed documents are provided.

The Examiner should be aware that the listed art was cited by the PCT in a search report relating to PCT/US01/13569, from which priority is claimed. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the PCT search report (dated July 3, 2001) is enclosed.

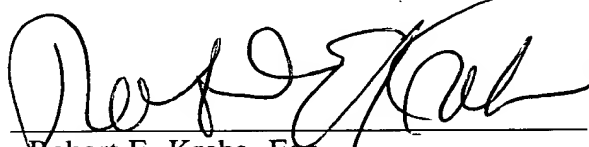
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The documents are being submitted within three months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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